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Letter dated 24 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached United States statement supporting the initiative of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD) towards a peaceful settlement in the Sudan (see annex), with the request that this statement be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 114 (c), Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (the situation of human rights in the Sudan).

(Signed) Madeleine K. ALBRIGHT
Permanent Representative

Annex

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DATED 24 JANUARY 1994
SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AUTHORITY ON DROUGHT AND DEVELOPMENT (IGADD) TOWARDS
A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE SUDAN

The United States Government is encouraged by and fully supports Kenyan President Moi's call for an early meeting in Nairobi of the leaders of Kenya, Uganda, Eritrea and Ethiopia, under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD), to pursue initiatives towards a peaceful settlement of the Sudan's long-running and bloody civil war. The efforts of President Moi and his IGADD partners are also supported by the United Nations General Assembly and accepted by the parties to the conflict.

The United States Government calls upon the Government of the Sudan and the factions of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to end the suffering of the Sudanese people. All parties in this tragic civil war should:

- (a) Immediately agree to a cease-fire;
- (b) Commit themselves to working with the IGADD partners on negotiations leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Sudanese conflict;
- (c) Commit themselves to full cooperation with the United Nations-led international humanitarian relief effort, which is working to assist the many conflict victims in the Sudan.

The people of the Sudan, of whom 2.5 million are in need of humanitarian assistance, are the victims of this war. Another dry-season offensive can only increase the human suffering. We call on both the Khartoum Government and the SPLA factions to commit themselves to a cease-fire now and thereby demonstrate their serious intent to settle their differences through negotiations.
